THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD) : (a) and (b). A proposal for diversion of 0.12 ha. of forest area for approach road to High Power T.V. Transmitter Project in Mysore District was received from the State Govt. of Karnataka on 16.1.1996 by Regional Office of this Ministry at Bangalore.

(c) and (d). Formal approval to the proposal has been accorded on 17.1.1996.

National Human Rights Commission

3623. SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry has requested the National Human Rights Commission to enquire into the incidence of starvation deaths following the flood and drought situation in Andhra Pradesh and Orissa, respectively;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the report of NHRC is likely to be obtained?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Distribution of Fodder

3624. SHRI JANG BAHADUR SINGH PATEL : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether fodder was distributed to the people belonging to the weaker sections at the time of drought in Delhi during 1988-89;

(b) if so, the quantum of fodder purchased and the expenditure incurred thereon and the rate at which it was distributed to them;

(c) whether the sale proceeds from the fodder was deposited with the Government treasury and if so, the amount deposited;

(d) whether some recovery in this regard is still to be made and if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any irregularities in regard to the said deal have come to the notice of the Government;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (g). Do not arise.

Supply of Fertilizers

3625. COL. RAO RAM SINGH : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that farmers of Haryana are not getting fertilizers in time and with the results crops give less yield;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the supply of fertilizers to the State as per the requirement in future?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). During Rabi 1996-97 season, adequate quantities of fertilizers are available in Haryana. The State Government has not been reported shortage of any kind of fertilizer in the State.

(c) Does not arise.

Old Age Homes

3626. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government would consider to construct Old Age Homes Specifically for the persons not having families; and

(b) whether the Government would provided free medical aid to such old persons in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) A Scheme of providing assistance to Panchayati Raj Institutions/Voluntary Organisation for Construction of Old Age Homes for persons over 60 year's of age, preferably destitute is under consideration of the Government.

(b) No such proposal is presently under consideration of the Ministry.

[Translation]

Vacant Reserved Posts

3627. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state :

(a) the location of branches of Food Corporation of India and Central Warehousing Corporation in Uttar Pradesh at present;

(b) the number of reserved posts lying vacant in these branches as on date;

(c) the steps being taken to fill up these posts; and

(d) the time by which these posts are likely to the filled up?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV) : (a) The locations of the branches of the Food Corporation